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REF: IREX TELEX ON GSYF OF OCTOBER TWENTY-TWO

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1. GEIS, P&C LENINGRAD, AND WE HERE WERE UNAWARE OF LENINGRAD GRANTEES' CONCERN OVER KOMANDIROVKI. WE ARE UNHAPPY THAT THEY DID NOT FIRST EXPRESS THEIR DISSATISFACTION TO US, FOR WE FEEL MHE HAS BEEN TRYING TO SATISFY REQUESTS. WE CONVEYED VIA LETTER TO SEMYONOV DATED OCTOBER FOURTEEN COMPLETE LIST OF REQUESTS. MHE THEN QUICKLY RESPONDED WITH PHONE CALL TO US AND PROMISED TO SEND OFFICIAL ANSWERS VIA INOTDEL AT LGU. MHE CONFIRMED DURING VISIT BY EMBOFF OCTOBER 24 THAT THEY ARE ACTIVELY PROCESSING REQUESTS AND PROMISE SCHEDULE WITHIN FEW WEEKS.

2. LIST OF REQUESTS DID, HOWEVER, INCLUDE SOME PROBLEM SPOTS. STERNHEIMER REQUESTED VISIT TO SVERDLOVSK, A CLOSED CITY. M.
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BALZER REQUESTED TWO MONTHS IN "EASTERN SIBERIA", WHICH IS TOO

VAGUE. OTHER GRANTEES ASKED FOR VISITS TO CITIES NOT INCLUDED IN DATA SHEETS PROVIDED TO SOVIETS. EXAMPLES: OESCHSLER REQUESTED VISITS TO TBILISI AND KIEV. BOND REQUESTED VILNIUS AFTER PROPOSING RIGA OR MINSK EARLIER. MARTENS ASKED FOR KIEV AND RIGA, NEITHER OF WHICH WAS IN DATA SHEET. TIMING OF SOME REQUESTS WAS ALSO BAD. TWO WERE FOR MOSCOW AT TIME OF NOVEMBER HOLIDAYS, SIX WERE FOR MOSCOW DURING FEBRUARY WHEN 25TH CPSU PARTY CONGRESS IS LIKELY TO TIE UP ACCOMMODATIONS AND MAKE RESEARCH AND OTHER WORK DIFFICULT. AS EXAMPLE OF MHE COOPERATION, GRANTEE BOND WAS GIVEN MOSCOW KOMANDIROVKU AS REQUESTED AND IS CURRENTLY HERE; ALTHOUGH MHE UNABLE TO HOUSE HIS FAMILY HERE AT CURRENT TIME.

3. WE WILL REMIND MHE OF NEED FOR REPLY VIA INOTDEL AND CONTINUE TO SEEK COOPERATION ON REQUESTS. FEEL IT IS NOT APPROPRIATE IN LIGHT OF WAY PROGRAM IS GOING ON WHOLE TO RAISE POSSIBILITY OF US GRANTEES RETURNING HOME OVER THIS MATTER AT THIS TIME, WITH RESULTANT REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF SOVIET SCHOLARS IN US. IF WE FEEL SOVIETS ARE BEING UNREASONABLE, WE WILL ADVISE. MILLER/NOAH
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